

Replacement Sheet

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Revise Background of Invention as follows

Many fishing reels have been produced that use level wind mechanisms to perform the function of distributing fishing line evenly on the fishing reel spool (~~figure 2~~). The level wind mechanism generally consists of a gear driven level wind orifice (~~figure 2~~) that moves laterally back and forth in front of the rotating reel spool that stores the fishing line (~~figure 2~~). The fishing reel retrieves the fishing line through the use of a handle and gears that rotate the spool and further drive the level wind ~~mechanism~~ orifice. The design of many level wind fishing reels places the level wind orifice (~~figure 2~~) and reel spool in positions that makes threading fishing line, from the fishing reel spool through the level wind orifice, awkward and difficult. The difficulty in threading fishing line through the level wind orifice is further complicated by the tendency of many types of fishing line to acquire a curled shape, commonly called memory, after being placed on fishing reel spool.

The ability to thread fishing line through the level wind orifice is also impacted by windy conditions, low light conditions, poor eye sight, rough water when a person is a passenger on a watercraft, and by the intentional efforts of fishing line manufacturers to make fishing lines less visible to fish.